

Resources for Rural Veterans and Their Communities

INFO SHEET



There are 5.2 million Veterans residing in rural America who face unique barriers accessing health care. To support its vision that America's Veterans thrive in rural communities, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health (ORH) builds partnerships. Through federal, state and local collaboration, ORH increases rural Veterans' access to care and services to improve their health and well-being. Find resources at www.ruralhealth.va.gov.

Resources for Veterans

Center for Women Veterans



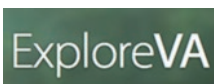
Resource center that monitors and coordinates administration of VA health care, benefits, and programs for female Veterans
www.va.gov/womenvet

VA Smoking Cessation



Confidential smoking cessation help for Veterans and their families
www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking

Explore VA



Information, videos and a benefits navigator to help eligible Veterans access benefits and services
www.explore.va.gov

Veterans Crisis Line



Confidential crisis support for Veterans and their families
www.veteranscrisisline.net

Help for Homeless Veterans



Assistance for Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless
www.va.gov/homeless

Resources for Community Providers

Military Culture Training Course



Free training for community providers on treating the unique needs of the Veteran patient community
<https://deploymentpsych.org/military-culture-course-modules>

Universal Service Administrative Company Rural Health Care Program



Information on rural health programs, including discounts for telecommunications and broadband services for eligible health care providers
<http://www.usac.org/rhc/>

PTSD Consultation Program



Post-traumatic stress disorder training offered for health care providers who treat Veterans
www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/consult/index.asp

VA eHealth University



Free online training centered on VA clinical software, open to VA professionals and the public
www.vehu.va.gov

SAMHSA and HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions Veterans Guide



Resource guide for primary and behavioral health care professionals serving Veterans and their families
www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/Veterans_Guide_2015.pdf

VA Hepatitis C Advanced Liver Disease Disparities Dashboard



Dashboard presentations that help identify Veteran groups at highest risk for advanced liver disease as a result of hepatitis C
www.hsrd.research.va.gov/news/video/heap.cfm



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Resources for Community Providers *(continued)*

Veterans Health Administration TrainingFinder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network



Free professional development and learning service for public health and care providers with a focus on Veteran patient care

<https://vha.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

Resources for the General Community

Connected Health Apps



More than a dozen apps for Veterans and their health care professionals, available to download from VA's mobile app store. (Most are free but for security purposes, some require a DS Logon Level 2 Premium Account)

<https://mobile.va.gov/appstore>

VA Facility Locator



Directory to help locate VA facilities and facility-related information quickly and accurately

www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp

HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care Health Center Grantee Profiles



Information on HRSA-funded Health Center Grantees, including patient demographics, services provided, clinical indicators, utilization rates, costs and revenue

bphc.hrsa.gov/uds/datacenter.aspx?q=d

"VAntage Point" Blog Updates



Subscription form to sign up for regularly published updates from VA's blog, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube sites

www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/subscribe

SAMHSA and HRSA Mental Health First Aid



In-person training for anyone who wants to learn about mental illnesses and addictions, including risk factors and warning signs, and rural mental health first aid

www.integration.samhsa.gov/mental-health-first-aid

Veterans Choice Program Toolkit



Outreach materials to help community providers and Veterans understand how to join and use the Program

www.va.gov/opa/toolkit/index.asp

Office of Rural Health

The Office of Rural Health (ORH) implements a targeted, solution-driven approach to increase access to care for the 3 million Veterans living in rural communities who rely on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for health care. As VA's lead advocate for rural Veterans, ORH works to see that America's Veterans thrive in rural communities. To accomplish this, ORH leverages its resources to increase rural Veterans' access to care and services. To learn more, visit www.ruralhealth.va.gov.



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